

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled STORAGE UNIT, the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No

Hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

60/240,469 October 13, 2000  
 (Application Serial No.) (Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.		
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Full name of second joint inventor, if any

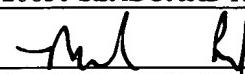
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ASSIGNOR:  
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SERIAL NUMBER: 60240528 FILING DATE: 10/13/2000  
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Please record ~~the attached original document or copy thereof.~~

## 1. Name of Party(ies) conveying an interest:

Robert W. Insalaco  
 David J. Ritch  
 Mark B. Saffell  
 Gordon J. Stannis

## 2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:

Name: Herman Miller, Inc.  
 Internal Address:  
 Street Address: 855 East Main Avenue  
 City: Zeeland  
 State/Zip: Michigan 49464

Additional name(s) and addresses attached?

 Yes  No

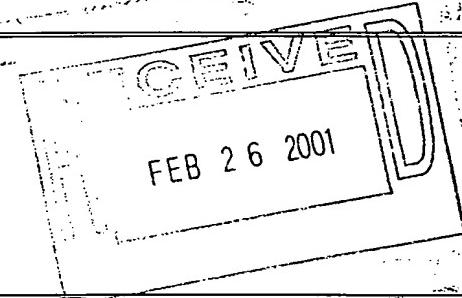
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 Yes  No

## 3. Description of the interest conveyed:

Assignment  Change of Name Other:  
 Security Agreement  Merger

Execution Dates: Robert W. Insalaco - January 31, 2001;  
 David J. Ritch - January 26, 2001;  
 Mark B. Saffell - January 29, 2001; and  
 Gordon J. Stannis - February 12, 2001.

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s). Additional sheet attached?  Yes  No

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

Date

## A. Patent Application No.(s)

60/240,528  
 60/240,499  
 60/240,469

## B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

## 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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 P.O. BOX 10395  
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 (312)321-4200

## 6. Number of applications and patents involved: 3

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 120.00  
 THREE CHECKS FOR \$40.00 EACH are enclosed.  
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## 9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

William F. Prendergast  
 Name of Person Signing

Signature

February 22, 2001  
 Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 6

Inventor(s): Robert W. Insalaco, David J. Ritch, Mark B. Saffell, and Gordon J. StannisTitle: STORAGE UNIT**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The specification of the above-identified patent application:

- is attached hereto  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby revoke all previously granted powers of attorney in the above-identified patent application and appoint the following attorneys to prosecute said patent application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Andrew D. Stover, Reg. No. 38,629  
 Jeffery M. Duncan, Reg. No. 31,609  
 William J. Prendergast, Reg. No. 34,699  
 Robert N. Carpenter, Reg. No. 40,409

Please address all correspondence and telephone calls to Andrew D. Stover in care of:

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from HERMAN MILLER, INC. as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

HERMAN MILLER, INC., a corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached hereto.  
 OR  
 An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011546, frame 0274.  
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Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

The undersigned has reviewed the assignment or all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature

Date: Oct 3, 01Name: James E. ChristensonTitle: Senior Vice President, Legal Services and Secretary

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Robert W. Insalaco, David J. Ritch, Mark B. Saffell, and Gordon J. Stannis, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the inventions described in the following United States provisional patent applications:

<u>Application Nos.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
60/240,528	TABLE	October 13, 2000
60/240,499	PRIVACY SCREEN	October 13, 2000
60/240,469	STORAGE UNIT	October 13, 2000

WHEREAS, Herman Miller, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under

the laws of Michigan, having a place of business at 855 East Main Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan 49464, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions and the patent applications identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said inventions, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the inventions and the patent applications identified above, and any patents that may issue for said inventions in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such applications all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution

of the patent applications identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the inventions identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said inventions, or any such patent applications or patents; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED:

Jan 31, 01

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Insalaco

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF Ottawa) ss.

I, De A. Sneed, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Robert W. Insalaco, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal,  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2001.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: June 08, 2005

DATED: JAN 26 2001

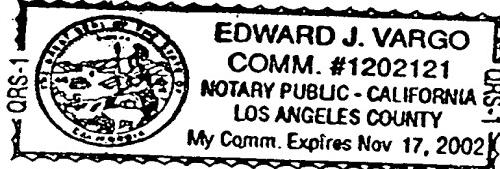
  
David J. Ritch

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
) ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, EDWARD J. VARGO, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that David J. Ritch, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal,  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2001.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: EDWARD J. VARGO



DATED: 01 29 01

Mark B. Saffell  
Mark B. Saffell

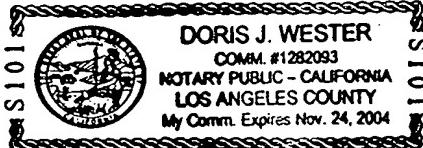
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, DORIS J. WESTER, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Mark B. Saffell, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal,  
on this 29th day of January, 2001.

Doris J. Wester  
Notary Public in and for the State of  
California

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: November 24, 2004



DATED:

01/21/02

Gordon J. Stannis

STATE OF Michigan)  
COUNTY OF Ottawa) ss.

I, Sandra Lee Franton, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Gordon J. Stannis, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal,  
this 12 day of February, 2001.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: November 1, 2002